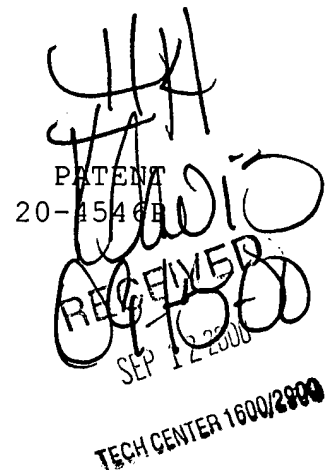
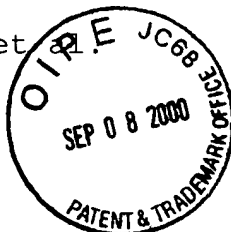


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 8, 2000

Sir:

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 16-33 are pending in the above-identified application and have been subjected to a Restriction Requirement under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §121 and §372.

In the outstanding Office Action the Examiner contends that seven different inventions are encompassed by the claims of this application. The Examiner indicates each of these different inventions by the terms "Group I" to "Group VII" in the outstanding Office Action.

Applicants traverse the Examiner's Restriction Requirement and ask for reconsideration and withdrawal thereof. Particularly, Applicants request that the Examiner consider each of the pending claims 1-14 and 16-33 at present.

Even though Applicants traverse the Examiners restriction requirement, they realize that a response must be made thereto. Accordingly, Applicants select with traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I (claims 1-3, 5, 7-10 and 17) as set forth in the Examiner's outstanding Office Action at page 2, lines 6-11.

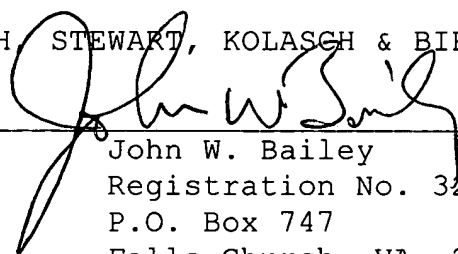
If the Examiner has any question concerning this application, the Examiner is requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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